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Hello Trista,

The Missouri Department of Agriculture is invited to apply to receive Specialty Crop Block Grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 and \$6,458.59. After reading through the Federal Register Proposed rule, I have a few questions.

Section 101 directs the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to States for each on the fiscal years 2005 through 2009 to be used by State departments of agriculture solely to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops.

Question: Do we write one state plan for the three years, or will we write a specific state plan for each year, or three state plans.

The estimated one-time cost for all State departments of agriculture in completing the State plan is \$9,980. This total cost was calculated by multiplying the estimated 499 total burden hours by \$20 per hour (a sum deemed reasonable, shall the respondents be compensated for this time).

Question: May we charge \$9,980 to the specialty crop state grant as an expense for writing the state plan and for the administrative activities associated with the grant.

Question: May we also charge our approved indirect cost rate for administrative and overhead costs to the grant.

Thanks for your time.

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